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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8,1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	**09/992,598**
Filing Date	**November 14, 2001**
First Named Inventor	**Desnoyers, et al.**
Group Art Unit	**1646**
Examiner Name	**Jiang, Dong**
Attorney Docket Number	**39780-2730P1C20**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, *65 Fed. Reg.* 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 47 (Apr. 11, 20000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on *(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)*
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ **Amendment under 37 CFR 1.48(b)**
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) — with cited references**
 - iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(i) **required**)
 - b. ☐ Other

3. Fees — The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. **39780-2730P1C20**)
 - i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) — $790.00**
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of $ enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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